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| SEARCH NOTES<br>(INCLUDING SEARCH STRATEGY)  |           |      |
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|  | DATE      | EXMR |
| The allowability of claim 3 in light of PCT WO 97/23423 and Suzuki et al patent number 4,848,882 was discussed with          | 9/20/2006 | JS   |
| SPE Ricky Mack. It was agreed that neither reference disclosed or taught the claimed "gradient discontinuity" including Figs |           |      |
| 2B, 3B, and 4B of Suzuki et al.  |           |      |
| 359/725-727, 732, 642<br>updated text search only<br>See Search History Printout   | 9/20/2006 | JS   |
| 359/652-654, 529-533<br>updated classified search and also<br>updated text search<br>See Search History Printout             | 9/20/2006 | JS   |
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